

**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
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PATENT**

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend paragraph [0001] as follows:

**[0001]** The present application is related to co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/727,093 entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SUPPRESSION OF FIRES, filed on even date herewith and assigned to the Assignee of the present application, now U.S. Patent No. 7,337,856 issued March 4, 2008, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.

Please insert new paragraph [0001a] after paragraph [0001] and before paragraph [0002]:

**[0001a]** The present application is also related to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 12/042,200 entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SUPPRESSION OF FIRES, filed March 4, 2008, pending, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/727,093 entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SUPPRESSION OF FIRES, filed December 2, 2003, now U.S. Patent No. 7,337,856 issued March 4, 2008; U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 11/409,257 entitled MAN-RATED FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM AND RELATED METHODS, filed on April 21, 2006, pending, which is a continuation-in-part of the present application, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/727,088 entitled MAN-RATED FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM, filed on December 2, 2003, pending; and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 12/478,019 entitled GAS-GENERATING DEVICES WITH GRAIN-RETENTION STRUCTURES AND RELATED METHODS AND SYSTEMS, filed June 4, 2009, pending, each of which disclosures is assigned to the Assignee of the present application.